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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Withdrawn): A tamper-evident container assembly, comprising:
a hollow container defining a storage volume, said container having an opening communicating with said storage volume;
a cover attached to said container and enclosing said opening; and
a tamper-evident sealing material disposed between and attached to said cover and said container, such that removal of said cover causes said sealing material to change in a manner to provide an observable indication that said cover has been removed.
2. (Withdrawn): The tamper-evident container assembly of claim 1, wherein said open-ended container is a molded plastic one-piece assembly having an outwardly-extending lip disposed around the perimeter of said opening.
3. (Withdrawn): The tamper-evident container assembly of claim 2, wherein said container includes a laterally-extending arcuate mounting flange extending from said lip.
4. (Withdrawn): The tamper-evident container assembly of claim 1, wherein said cover is a generally planar membrane.
5. (Withdrawn): The tamper-evident container assembly of claim 4, wherein said cover includes a handle formed integrally therewith.
6. (Withdrawn): The tamper-evident container assembly of claim 1, wherein said cover is a substantially rigid, planar cover having an upstanding edge disposed around

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its outer perimeter.

7. (Withdrawn): The tamper-evident container assembly of claim 6, wherein said cover includes a handle attached thereto.

8. (Withdrawn): The tamper-evident container assembly of claim 1, wherein said sealing material comprises a flexible material having first and second layers attached to said cover and to said container, wherein separation of said cover from said container causes said first and second layers to separate from each other while said first layer remains attached to said cover and said second layer remains attached to said container.

9. (Withdrawn): The tamper-evident container assembly of claim 8, wherein said separation of said first and second layers causes an indicia to be visible in at least one of said first and second layers.

10. (Currently Amended): A tamper-evident life jacket container assembly, comprising:

a hollow container adapted for receiving a flotation device, said container having an opening;

a flotation device disposed inside of said container;

a tamper-evident sealing material secured around the opening of said ~~open-ended~~ container; and

a cover secured to said tamper-evident sealing material and enclosing said opening ~~open end~~ of said container; such that removal of said cover causes said sealing material to change in a manner to provide an observable indication that said cover has been removed;

wherein said container is adapted to be mounted underneath a seat such that said

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opening is directly accessible for inspection and removal of said cover without substantial movement of said container.

11. (Original): The tamper-evident life jacket container assembly of claim 10, wherein said container is a molded plastic one-piece assembly having an outwardly-extending lip disposed around the perimeter of said opening.

12. (Original): The tamper-evident life jacket container assembly of claim 11, wherein said container includes a laterally-extending arcuate mounting flange extending from said lip.

13. (Original): The tamper-evident life jacket container assembly of claim 10, wherein said cover is a generally planar membrane.

14. (Original): The tamper-evident life jacket container assembly of claim 13, wherein said cover includes a handle formed integrally therewith.

15. (Original): The tamper-evident life jacket container assembly of claim 10, wherein said cover is a substantially rigid, planar cover.

16. (Original): The tamper-evident life jacket container assembly of claim 15, wherein said cover includes a handle attached thereto.

17. (Original): The tamper-evident life jacket container assembly of claim 15, wherein said cover has an upstanding edge disposed around its outer perimeter.

18. (Original): The tamper-evident life jacket container assembly of claim 10,

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wherein said sealing material comprises a flexible material having first and second layers attached to said cover and to said container, wherein separation of said cover from said container causes said first and second layers to separate from each other while said first layer remains attached to said cover and said second layer remains attached to said container.

19. (Currently Amended): The tamper-evident life jacket container assembly of claim 18 [8], wherein said separation of said first and second layers causes an indicia to be visible in at least one of said first and second layers.

20. (Withdrawn): A passenger seat frame assembly, comprising:
at least two spaced-apart leg modules;
at least one transverse beam extending laterally between said leg modules, said beam having an external surface; and
a tamper-evident container assembly attached to said seat frame, said container assembly comprising:
a hollow container defining a storage volume, said container having an opening communicating with said storage volume;
a cover attached to said container and enclosing said opening; and
a tamper-evident sealing material disposed between and attached to said cover and said container, such that removal of said cover causes said sealing material to change in a manner to provide an observable indication that said cover has been removed.

21. (Withdrawn): The passenger seat frame assembly of claim 20, wherein said container includes a laterally-extending arcuate mounting flange extending from the perimeter of said opening, said curved flange being disposed in contact with said

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transverse beam and conforming to the external surface of said transverse beam.